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SUBJECT: AIDE-MEMOIRE ON DEMONSTRATIONS AND THREATS

REF: NEW DELHI 3169

1. THE TEXT OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE WHICH THE DEM LEFT
WITH THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ON MARCH 5 FOL-
LOWS:

QUOTE: ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1975, A GROUP OF
APPROXIMATELY 300 TO 400 DEMONSTRATORS APPEARED BEFORE
THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION SERVICE OFFICE IN CALCUTTA,
PULLED DOWN THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND FLEW THE CONGRESS
PARTY FLAG, AND THEN REPLACED THE UNITED STATES FLAG AT
THE END OF THEIR DEMONSTRATION. ALTHOUGH NO PHYSICAL
DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION SERVICE
BUILDING, PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THREATS WERE MADE
AGAINST CONSULATE GENERAL
EMPLOYEES, PARTICULARLY THOSE
OF INDIAN NATIONALITY, CAUSING THEM TO BE CONCERNED FOR
THEIR SECURITY. THREATS WERE ALSO MADE THAT IF THE
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UNITED STATES ACTUALLY PROVIDED ANY ARMS TO PAKISTAN,

THE CONSULATE GENERAL WOULD BE RINGED BY A HYMAN BARRICADE AND CLOSED DOWN.

THE ACTING CONSUL GENERAL IS IN TOUCH WITH LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES AND THE WEST BENGAL CHIEF SECRETARY IN ORDER TO EXPRESS HIS REGRET AT THE PULLING DOWN OF THE FLAG, THE THREATS MADE BY THE DEMONSTRATORS, AND TO NOTE THE EXPECTATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT THE PROPERTY AND PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICES IN CALCUTTA WILL BE GIVEN FULL AND APPROPRIATE PROTECTION.

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI LOOKS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE PROTECTION IS PROVIDED TO THE CONSULATE

GENERAL IN CALCUTTA

AND TO OTHER UNITED STATES OFFICIAL OFFICES AND PERSONNEL IN INDIA. END QUOTE.

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